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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:**SUBJECT: ARC-50 Support Planning**

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1. On Tuesday 6 August 1963 [] called a brief conference in the office of AFICG-8. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss SAC personnel requirements at Beale AFB in support of the ARC-50 Comm/Navig equipment. Those present included [] Lt. Col. Welch, Lt. Col. Palmer, and Capt. Paul Jones.

2. The writer briefed the group on the status of the ARC-50 installations as observed on a recent trip to the West Coast. One problem area at Beale AFB regarding qualified installation and maintenance personnel was emphasized. Lt. Col. Felices, CO 903 AREFS, has stated that a minimum of six qualified ARC-50 Blue Suit personnel would be required at Beale to adequately support the KC-135 requirements. One Magnavox tech rep is now at Beale to assist in training, installation and maintenance of the equipment.

3. Means of procuring temporary personnel from [] were discussed with Lt. Col. Palmer. The desirability of procuring ARC-50 trained personnel was emphasized. Lt. Col. Palmer stated that he would take steps to determine the availability of such personnel.

4. [] stated that SAC should actually press their requirements through Air Force channels. Lt. Col. Palmer also observed that inasmuch as this would be a continuing Air Force support problem for another similar program, that it should not be an Agency problem. Lt. Col. [] suggested the advisability of a trip to Beale by Lt. Col. Palmer and Capt. Jones.

5. Capt. Jones and Lt. Col. Palmer suggested that [] support required at forward bases could also be handled by AFCS units normally responsible for all other air facility communication and navigation aids. This possibility will be examined and discussed further at Headquarters.

6. Methods for diverting the two [] units now at the Magnavox plant was discussed briefly with Lt. Col. Welch. It was understood that a message had already been sent out through Air Force Channels effecting release of the equipment for Project use.

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